

Anderson cruises to win slopestyle at Mammoth

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MAMMOTH MOUNTAIN – The American snowboarders turned in a stellar performance at the Toyota U.S. Grand Prix slopestyle event on Sunday, sweeping both men's and women's podiums.

Up-and-comer Red Gerard (Silverthorne, Colo.) topped the field to take the win for the men, while Jamie Anderson (Meyers) continued her global domination with a win for the women.

Her second run scored 80.25: frontside 180 switch 50-50 to 180 off, boardslide 270 out, handplant, transfer over rail, backside air, frontside 540, Cab underflip, backside rodeo 540.

Kyle Mack (West Bloomfield, Mich.) and Hailey Langland (San Clemente) each took second, while Dylan Thomas (Kingsley, Pa.) and Julia Marino (Westport, Conn.) were third.

It was Gerard's first major victory, but he has been warming up to the top spot all season with a third-place finish at the Kreischberg World Cup and fourth-place finish at the LAAX Open in January. The 16-year-old Coloradan battled the competition as well as the weather to take the top spot.

"It turned out to be fine," he said after his first run. "Just trust your landing and trust your skills and you're good to go."

Anderson is more than familiar with the top of the podium, including winning the inaugural Olympic snowboard slopestyle gold medal at Sochi in 2014. It was her third major win for the season after taking the big air win at the Copper Mountain Toyota U.S. Grand Prix and the Dew Tour championship in

December.

Sunday's slopestyle was the first Olympic qualifying event for the PyeongChang Olympics in 2018.

Other Americans who made the final: Judd Henkes (La Jolla) was fourth; Brock Crouch (Mammoth) was sixth; Eric Willett (Breckenridge, Colo.) was 10th.